Assistance to Kamataka for Livestock Development

3885. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the center had approved a cattle breed improvement project of Kamataka Livestock Development Agency (KLDA) for 2003-04 and 2004-05;

(b) if so, the amount released by the Government in those years;

(c) whether there is any balance amount to be paid to the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and by when it would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. Karnataka Livestock Development Agency (KLDA) is implementing National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding in Karnataka from 2003-2004.

(b) to (d) A sum of Rs. 465.00 lakh and Rs. 394.00 lakh has been released to KLDA during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 respectively. Further release of funds under the project will be made after the receipt of utilization certificate, annual progress report and audit certificate from the State for the funds released during 2004-2005.

Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fishing

3886. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fishing has been set up by Government;

(b) if so, the objectives of this Committee;

(c) whether fishing associations have been included in this Committee;

(d) if so, the details of its constitutions; and

(e) any other relevant information about it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) : (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. An Inter-Ministerial

Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries has been constituted by the Government. The constitution and terms of references is furnished in the Statement. (See below) Representatives of fishing associations have not been made members of the committee.

Statement

Constitution and terms of reference of Empowered Committee on Deep Sea Fishing

It has been decided with the approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs to set up an Empowered Committee on Marine Fisheries for making recommendation on various issues related to development of marine fisheries in India.

2. The composition of the committee will be:

1. 2.	Secretary, Deptt. of Animal Husbandary & Dairying Adviser (Agri),	Chairperson
	Planning Commission	Member
3.	Joint Secretary, Min. of Finance, D/o Economic	Member
4.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs	Memebr
5.	Joint Secretary, (Navy), Ministry of Defence	Member
6.	Chairman, Marine Products Export Dev. Authority	Member
7.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Shipping	Member
8.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Communications	Member
9.	Joint Secretary, (Fisheries), DAH&D	Member
10.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas	Member
11.	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests	Member
12.	Director General of Foreign Trade or his representative	Member
13.	Director General, Coast Guard or his representative	Member
14.	Director General, Fishery Survey of India, Mumbai	Member
15.	Director General, of Shipping or his representative	Member
16.	Fisheries Development commissioner, DAH&D	Member Secretary

3. Terms of Reference of the Committee would be as follows:

(i) To consider proposals of Indian entrepreneurs for deep sea fishing by acquisition through construction/import of deep sea fishing vessels for issuance of Letter of Permission;

(ii) To prescribe norms for joint venture, development of post harvest technologies, infrastructure and human resource development in the sector; and

(iii) To advice the Government on implementation of any other aspects of comprehensive Marine Fishing Policy as and when referred to it.

4. The committee shall meet as often as required, but not less than once in six months. TA/DA of the members, if any, will be borne by their respective department/Organisation.

Loss to Fishing and other Industries due to Tsunami

3887. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tsunami has cripple the fishing industry;

(b) if so, the extent of losses and the steps being taken to revive the industry; and

(c) the details of other industries affected by Tsunami?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA) : (a) and (b) The damages/losses to the fisheries due to Tsunami has been worked out to Rs. 1343.62 crore by the affected States/UT's as per Memorandum submitted to the Central Government. The Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas has provision of Rs. 1137.97 crore comprising of Rs. 589.86 crore subsidy and Rs. 548.11 crore loans for the fisheries sector.

(c) Other affected sector included ports, roads and bridges, power, agriculture including forests and animal husbandry, housing and social infrastructure.